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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06F 9/46 and US Cl.: 709/102 712/245		
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US00/17664

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-33, as originally filed
pages NONE
pages NONE, filed with the demand the claims:pages 34-44, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of the drawings:pages 1-13, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE, as originally filed
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE
 the claims, Nos. NONE
 the drawings, sheets/fig. NONE

5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>31-43 and 50</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-30 and 44-49</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>31, and 42-43</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-30, 32-41 and 44-50</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-50</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-30 and 44-49 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Borkenhagen et al. (WO 99/21082).

Borkenhagen et al. taught assigning priority of a first thread for a first duration, determining when the first duration has expired and assigning processing priority to a second thread (page 9, lines 5-25).

Borkenhagen et al. taught setting a priority level (page 19, lines 10-12), using priority bits (page 19, lines 10-12), setting the priority time period, loading a priority counter, keeping track of the duration and checking the elapsed time (page 37, claims 8-10).

Claims 32-41 and 50 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over the prior art as applied in the immediately preceding paragraph and further in view of Steere et al. (A Feedback-driven proportion Allocator for Real-Rate Scheduling).

Borkenhagen et al. did not expressly detail the reprogramming of the duration period, based on the internal measurements of the system progress. Steere et al. taught the implementation and the benefit of based on the internal measurements of the system progress (pages 145 and 156).

Claims 31 and 42-43 the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the increasing the first duration a predetermined amount on the conditions of lack of progress the last time the thread had processing priority and the processing priority having been switched and the predetermined restart period is set in response to a nuke or reset event .

----- NEW CITATIONS -----
NONE